

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a method for producing a catalyst;
Group II: Claims 4-6, drawn to a catalyst; and
Group III: Claims 7-9, drawn to a method of producing methacrylic acid.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3 (drawn to a method for producing a catalyst), for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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